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FOR THE INFORMER.

*Copy of a letter to the editor from Elder A. Caverno, dated Epsom, N. H. February 5th, 1824.*

DEAR BROTHER,

Pardon me, if I weary your patience by my late frequent communications, as I assure you it is not for the sake of having my name appear in print, nor for the sake of exhibiting to my christian friends an attempt for fluency of style; but altogether for promoting Zion's cause and comfort of those, who may peruse your useful paper while

Having frequently been refreshed by reading intelligences, especially of revivals of religion, and contemplating that others derive the same consolation, I submit to you a sketch of a glorious revival in Nottingham, N. H. which has caused the souls of many to rejoice in the Lord, and exult in the triumphs of emancipating grace.

For many years past there has been a church in that town, in connexion with the United Churches of Christ, commonly known by the name of Free-Will Baptist, which, since its establishment, has experienced a number of glorious revivals. But notwithstanding this church has had so many revivals, and has shared so largely of the outpouring of the spirit of the Lord, yet it has had some low times and trials, especially since their pious and laborious pastor, Elder Samuel B. Dyer, has removed from that town. This last reformation commenced, if I mistake not, about the last of November, and has been gradually progressing ever since. The circumstances attending the beginning of this blessed work, were not so remarkably extraordinary and singular as

some that are witnessed at the commencement of revivals, but of a weighty kind.

While teaching a school in Strafford, my native town, where the Lord has been pouring out his spirit of late, a young man came after me from Nottingham to go there and baptize him. I gave him an appointment for a meeting and went accordingly; preached, and then repaired to the water where the ordinance was attended to. This was on the 29th of November, and in the evening we had another meeting. While on the way to this meeting I felt unusually solemn, and after I arrived at the meeting, I felt so distressed in mind, (the cause of which I could not account for,) that I thought I could not preach. However, after praying a few minutes, I commenced speaking from Matt. ii. chap. 2nd verse. My mind was soon freed from darkness, glory of the Lord shone around about, and the power

Lord was in the midst. Two backsliders were ed, and were heard to cry, "Lord have mercy upon One of ut they did not find that satisfactory evidence of of the Ch second, I until a few days afterwards. One young man attend- say Humility meeting, that, on returning home, made his boast,

I the ministers in the world to scare him, as he Meditate m However one week from the next day, I attend- to the cross. ing in the town, and he, on coming near to the the punishme cious promises struck suddenly by the sound of prayer within, one employr few days was converted. Since that, I have bap- Saviour's fee n and his wife, who was converted about the same Brother Dav at he was. I have preached there on the Sabbath which he y since the work began, and baptized twelve in all.

Feb. 20 ie more I expect are waiting an opportunity.

2 May the Lord spread his work until all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ. Even so Amen.

I remain yours in gospel fellowship.

ARTHUR CAVERNO.

*Copy of a letter to the Editor from Elder Enoch Place, dated Rochester, Jan. 31, 1824.*

BELOVED BROTHER IN CHRIST,

It becomes my joyful duty to you and the saints in general, to inform you of God's gracious dealings with us.

On the 2nd day of November last, I preached at Dr. R.



Woodbury's house in Barrington and baptized his son's wife, Elizabeth W. many appeared convicted at the water, while strong signs of a reformation began to pierce the dark horizon, which had long encircled this vicinity, and in a few hours, glory to God in the highest, it burst forth with marvelous and astonishing light; a cry was heard of **MERCY! MERCY!** O Lord Jesus, have **MERCY!** and save my sinking soul, &c!! But how great was our joy and astonishment on ascertaining that these heart-rending prayers and cries proceeded from Capt. R. D. W. Jr. [son of the Dr.] a very gay youth, and Mr. J. Jones a very moral man. By the next morning they had both found Christ to the great joy of their hearts. I withdrew nearly all my appointments from other places, and followed the reformation instead of its following me. This I write as a caution to preachers. The cause suffers much by preachers leaving reformations too soon, and in some cases by their tarrying too long.

For 14 days after the commencement of this work, from one to four professed to be converted at every meeting, others obtained mercy in their families, or in secret prayer. Between 40 and 50 have been hopefully brought to Christ, and the prospect is very encouraging at present.

We experience unusual manifestations of power while baptizing, which God still blesses to the conviction and conversion of Sinners.

The work has spread into Strafford, where some of the converts reside. Twenty four joined the Free Baptist churches here in 12 days. Eighteen hundred and twenty four is ushered in with many glorious revivals of religion. Rochester has some mercy drops. Dover, a good shower (at the cotton factory.) Nottingham, much spiritual rain where Elder A. Caverno is preaching and baptizing. In September and October last, I travelled through Massachusetts and Connecticut to New York, and thought I saw a great prospect before faithful gospel labourers, and much for them to do. Be encouraged, my dear brother, to exercise your utmost efforts in building up Zion.

Yours in holy love,

ENOCH PLACE.

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The last term of the New Durham Quarterly Meeting was holden at Candia, Jan, 21st and 22nd 1824. It was a very spiritual good meeting; the reports from the churches

were in general refreshing. There has been a great addition to this Q. M. within the past year, but I have not received the exact number. Two churches have been added; one at Gilmanton, under the care of Eld. John Knowls, and one at Loudon, under the care of Eld. S. B. Dyer.

Our next Q. M. will be holden at Strafford on the third Wednesday in May next.

ENOCH PLACE.

N. B. The subject concerning Ruling Elder is put over to our Yearly Conference in June at Weare.

I hope our brethren will make up their minds by that time, and be ready to decide the case long in suspense.

EDITOR.

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FOR THE INFORMER.

It being pleasing to the friends of Zion to hear the prosperity thereof, I take the opportunity to write a few words. Last October I left my home in R. I. in Company with Br. Fairfield of Burrilville, and came to this place, [viz. Norton,] and we began in the name of Jesus to try to persuade the people to leave their sins and turn to the Lord. The Lord soon began to work by his spirit, and multitudes began to gather to hear the word. A number have obtained a hope in Christ, and the inquiry in general is, "what shall we do to be saved?" And I feel in hopes that God will still carry on his work, and a little army be raised up here yet to praise God in heaven.

I subscribe myself your brother in Christ.

ABEL THORNTON.

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FOR THE INFORMER.

*Copy of a letter to the editor, from Elder Ziba Woodworth, dated Montpelier, Vt. Jan. 22d, 1824.*

DEAR BROTHER IN THE GOSPEL,

This may inform you that our Q. M. was holden at Huntington, on Saturday and Sunday last, and a most glorious, solemn, weeping and rejoicing time we had. Elder Carter from Benson was present, and a number of his brethren. The church under his watch and care, consisting of fifty-nine members, joined our Q. M. Two churches have lately been formed at Enosburg, and in that vicinity, which have joined this Q. M.



The reformation still continues in the *north* to which God has said, *give up*; and the *south keeps not back*. A reformation has lately taken place in Duxbury; a number have obtained a hope through grace. In Starksborough, there is a small revival, and in Huntington a few have confessed Christ, and others seem to have enquiring minds. On Sunday evening I attended a meeting and spake to a large and solemn assembly. One young man enquired what he must do to be saved. A goodly number of the servants and handmaids of our Lord was ready to point him to the Lamb of God, and there is a prospect of a reformation in that place. On the whole, I think we never had a more profitable Q. M. since it was formed.

A good work of the Lord has taken place in Worcester, and a goodly number have hopefully "*passed from death to life*." And O, may the God of all grace spread the work far and wide, till the ends of shall be richly replenished with his goodness.

I am in the best of bonds your Friend and Brother,  
ZIBA WOODWORTH.

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### A QUARTERLY MEETING

Was holden at Alexander township, Athens Co., Ohio, January 24th, 1824. After praise and prayer, chose Brothers James E. Brown, to preside, and John Sleeper, Clerk. Called for the messengers from the several churches, which reported as follows:

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>No.</i>
Alexander and Rutland,	James E. Brown,	} 44
	Dea. John M. Chase,	
	Elias Jones,	
Morgantown,	Elder John Sleeper,	} 21
	Daniel Romene,	
Columbia,	Jeremiah Carpenter,	9
Sciota,	No messengers; but according to information,	112
TOTAL,		186

It being requested that Br. Parker Sleeper and Jeremiah Carpenter should have license to improve their gifts, we, after hearing them relate their experiences, and they being

examined, voted that they should have license according to the request.

Voted that our next Q. M. be holden in Alexander, on the fourth Saturday in April, 1824.

The second day being the Sabbath, met at ten o'clock, and Brother Brown spoke from Luke xii. 35, 36, and the power of the Holy Ghost came down, whilst some were made to cry aloud with joy; after which, bread was broken. Backsliders and sinners wept.

Met Sabbath evening, after prayer and praise, Brother Carpenter spoke from first Cor. 1. 10. The brethren appeared to be much enlivened, and followed with powerful exhortations, backsliders returned, sinners trembled, whilst saints rejoiced, and performed the ordinance of washing feet. The third day closed with an Elders' Conference. The brethren viewing the harvest to be so great, and faithful laborers being so few, cried that the Holy Ghost might enter into the hearts of some of their brethren in the eastward to visit us, and that their coming may be to the brethren, as the coming of Titus of old.

Signed in behalf of the Qr. Meeting,

JAMES E. BROWN, *Moderator.*

JOHN SLEEPER, *Clerk.*

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*Extract of a letter to the editor from Elder John Sleeper, dated Athens, Ohio, Dec. 1823.*

One year ago last June a church was organized in this vicinity, consisting of 7 members, and it was the only church in this region with which I was acquainted, known by the name of Freewill Baptists; since that time our number has increased to about 70 members. Some months after the formation of this church, we became acquainted with Elder Cheney and the Church under his care, near the Sciota river, whose sentiments were the same with our own. We have regularly attended monthly meetings, and at our last meeting we agreed to divide the meeting into two for the convenience of the church, which is so scattered in this wilderness land. One is called Shade River monthly meeting, and the other Morgantown, 25 miles apart. I have attended meetings in the latter place once in two weeks during three months past, and enjoy the satisfaction of seeing the work of the Lord revive. Two have been baptized, 8 received into fellowship, and it is expected that 5 more will be baptized next Sabbath.

The two monthly meetings have appointed a quarterly meeting, the first to be holden on the 4th Saturday and Sabbath in January in the town of Alexander, and to continue once in three months at such places as we may from time to time appoint.

May the Lord send some help here, for the harvest is great, and faithful laborers are few. Pray for us.

I am yours in Gospel bonds,

JOHN SLEEPER.



TO THE EDITOR, SIR,

I am happy to inform you, that we have refreshing times in many societies in this part of the country; different denominations appear to be favoured by almighty God within a few years. I have just returned from a journey to Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Genessee Counties, in which places I found a great attention to hear the word, and in several towns reformation was progressing. In Middlebury, God has blessed Elder Jenkins' labors, and many have turned to the Lord with purpose of heart. In Rochester, we witness the smiles of God, and some of late have been brought to know the sweets of "*Pure Religion*." In different parts of Pennsylvania, souls are crying "what shall we do to be saved," while converts are singing the new song. In Ohio, the Gospel sounds freely, and many find it to be the power of God unto salvation. In Upper Canada, late revivals have been witnessed, thus in the King's dominions, the "*King of Glory*" is establishing *his heavenly empire*. In different parts of Europe, a great shaking is witnessed among evil and Ecclesiastic despots; our Grecian brethren are fast immersing into the liberty of the sons of God, and the crowns already totter, on the heads of the unholy allies. This is truly a day of glad tidings, and important events are at the door. May God help the saints to be fervent in Prayer, and the watchmen to cry aloud and spare not.

Yours with great respect,

J. BADGER.

FOR THE INFORMER.

*Copy of a letter to the Editor from Elder S. Wire dated Phelps N. Y. Jan. 21 1824.*

DEAR BROTHER,

I rejoice that the Lord is carrying on his work in different parts of this western country. When I read the pages of the Informer, I find my heart often gladdened with refreshing news from the east, and am led to believe that good news of the Redeemer's cause in this western country, will rejoice those in the east.

Benton Quarterly Meeting was holden in Lyons on the 10th & 11th of January, in which we enjoyed much of the presence of God. The brethren rejoiced and sinners were pricked in the heart, while the trumpet of the gospel gave a certain sound. The churches in general appeared to be steadfast, and good additions had been made to some of them.

In Middlesex, on Canandagua Lake, a reformation took place last spring, and a church was planted in September, consisting of fourteen members. The work has again revived this winter, five have been added to the church, and the prospect is still good.

Seven have been added of late to the church in Phelps and Manchester.

In October I travelled through a number of towns in the state of Pennsylvania, and felt owned of God in my poor endeavors to spread the gospel. A small church was planted in Charlston, and by the messenger to the Q. M. from this church, we heard the Macedonian cry. The reformation spirit had begun in a number of places in that region, which called for the faithful labors of God's servants.

O that the ministers of Jesus would run to and fro that knowledge might increase, and many be added to the number of the faithful.

In the town of Bristol, Ontario Co. a special work of God has spread this winter, 21 have been added to the Calvinistic Baptists, 5 to the Methodists, and a few to the Free Baptists, and the work is still going on.

The next Q. M. will be holden in the town of Middlesex, Ontario Co. on the 8th & 9th of May next. Elders' conference Friday before.

SAMUEL WIRE.

A letter is just received from brother J. W. Darling of Floyd, N. Y. in which he says that 12 or 15, it is hoped, have recently experienced a change of heart, 8 have been baptized, and the Calvinist church in that place have left their creed of close communion, and appear now to be walking in gospel liberty.

FOR THE INFORMER.

HOLLAND PURCHASE YEARLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Elders and Brethren of the Holland Purchase Yearly Meeting, held agreeably to previous appointment at Sweden, August 30th, and 31st, 1823.

Meeting opened by singing and prayer; the first discourse was delivered by Br. Lorenzo Dow, which was very instructing, from Solomon's Songs, vi. 10. which was followed by Elder Israel Craw, from Solomon's Songs, vi. 13.

Adjourned 30 minutes. Met agreeably to adjournment, opened meeting of business. Elder John Norton was chosen *Moderator*, and Peter P. Elwood, *Clerk*.

Received the reports of the different Quarterly Meetings, belonging to this Yearly Meeting, which are as follows:

BETHANY QR. MEETING.

*Churches and Members.* Clarkson, 63. Parma, 21. Byron, 56. Gaines, 15. Attica, 100. Bethany, 100. Elba and Batavia, 7. Canada, 21. Sheldon, 16. 1st Ontario, 33. 2d Ontario, 16. Waldo, 11. Pembroke, 18. Alexander, 10. Total number of Churches, 14. No. of Members 487.

*Ordained Elders, and places of Residence.* Jonathan Hinkley, Parma. Nathaniel Brown, and Herman Jenkins, Bethany. Israel Craw, Camillus. Jonas Parmenter, Attica. Elisha Collins, Covington. Frances Turner, Gaines. Total 6.

*Licensed Preachers.* Sidney Riley, and Isaac Andrews, Attica. Smith Rogers, Bennington. Ivory Holland, Itinerant. Jacob Crassey, Aldridge. Daniel Lion and Ichabod Shelden, Ontario. Eli Hanniball. Total 8.

ERIE QR. MEETING.

*Churches and Members.* Boston, 48. China, 31. Concord, 23. Eden, 10. Elicotsville, 27. Freedom, 22. Holland, —. Pike, 16. Sardinia, 10. No. of Churches, 10. Members, about 225.

*Ordained Elders.* Nathaniel Ketchum, Pike. Abraham Folsom, Holland. Richard M'Cary, Boston.

*Licensed preachers.* Judah Babcock, Centre Ville. Seth Marcomb, Isha. Obed Vane, Freedom.

BENTON QR. MEETING.

*Churches and Members.* Benton, 20. Barrington, 19. Bristol, 32. Brutus, 30. Cattin, 16. Delmar, Penn. 19. Galen, 11. Lyons and



Sodus, 31. Phelps, 31. Richmond, 19. Scriba, 11. Junius, 18. No. of Churches, 12. Members, 257.

*Ordained Elders.* Zebuion Dean, Benton. Manoah Delling, Sodus. Samuel Wire, Phelps. Solomon P. Colver, Junius. John Norton, Jr. Richmond. Josiah Fowler, Castite.

*Licensed Preachers.* Samuel Bradford, Farmington. John Pratt, Barington. David Marks, Jr. Junius. George Nickolds, Onondaga. — Allen, Waterloo.

Whole number of Churches in this Y. M. 26. Members, 969. Elders, 15. Licensed Preachers, 15.

Voted to hold our next Yearly Meeting at Br. Moses King's, in the town of Groveland, Livingston County, on the last Saturday and Sabbath in August 1824.

Meeting of business then closed and in the evening there were several meetings held in the vicinity.

Sunday Morning 9 o'clock. Meeting opened as usual. Elder J. Fowler preached from Isaiah 53d chapter, last part of the 12th verse, and was followed by a very impressive exhortation by Eld. Samuel Gilman. Elder J. Parmenter preached a powerful discourse from Rev. ix. 1, 2, 3. which was succeeded by a very beautiful exhortation by Elder J. N. Hinkley, together with others. After which Br. D. Marks, Jr. preached from Prov. viii. 17, 18. Meeting then closed.

P. P. ELWOOD, Clerk.

*The foregoing was intended for the number in December last; but by an accident, it was not received for publication until now.*

#### WHEELOCK, Vt. QUARTERLY MEETING

Met at Sutton, Vt. on the last Saturday of January, 1824. Opened the meeting as usual, and received the reports from the churches, many of which were refreshing, bringing the intelligence of the greatest visible work of the Lord in the conversion of souls, that was ever known in this vicinity.

In the town of Sutton, Vt. and towns adjoining, it is said that about 300 have found peace in the space of a few months past. The present prospect is, that the work will still continue. Praise ye the Lord.

Our next q. m. is appointed at Wheelock the first Saturday and Sabbath in June next.

JOSIAH LANE, Clerk.

#### STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

BY THE GOVERNOR,

### A PROCLAMATION,

FOR A FAST.

Whereas the unworthiness and entire dependance of man ought to excite devotional feelings, to humble his heart and produce suitable acknowledgements to that Being, who rules the destinies of nations as well as of individuals:

I do, with the advice of Council, appoint *Thursday the eighth day of April next*, to be observed throughout this State as a day of Fasting,

*Humiliation, and Prayer* ; hereby requesting people of every religious denomination to assemble on that day in their respective places of public worship, and with deep contrition confess their aggravated sins ; implore forgiveness through redeeming love ; lament those frailties of passion, appetite, and habit, which so often betray us into error ; beseech a justly offended God to avert the judgments our transgressions have provoked, and entreat as the only safety of fallen man, that the paths of us all may hereafter be enlightened from on high ; that our *fasting* may be from offences of every kind, our *humiliation* reach the spirit, and our *prayers* prove incense of true penitence and faith ; that the numberless mercies of the past year may inspire us with lively gratitude to the beneficent Author ; that our liberties and laws may continue to experience His saving help ; the means of instruction among us, both literary and religious, be blessed ; our useful institutions perpetuated ; every honest employment prospered ; toleration and free enquiry flourish ; the distinguished health, plenty, and happiness of our citizens remain uninterrupted ; those classes of society, which constitute its physical strength, receive light proportionate to their power ; the cause of the people, in every nation, rather than the profligate designs of faction and despotism, be taken into His holy keeping, and the whole earth speedily filled with the knowledge of divine truth.

The people of this State are requested to abstain from all such labor and recreation on that day as are inconsistent with its solemnities.

Given at the Council Chamber in Concord, February 23d, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the forty-eighth.

LEVI WOODBURY.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

WITH ADVICE OF COUNCIL.

RICHARD BARTLETT, *Dep. Sec'y.*

*The following affecting sentence was passed by Judge Longstreet on John M. Williams convicted of the murder of his wife, at the late superior court in Jones county N. C. which has been furnished for publication by the Judge, at the solicitation of the bar and a number of citizens, who attended the trial.*

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,

When I heard the history of your case from the lips of these who testified on your trial, I thought it was such an one as would reconcile me to the painful task I am now about to perform. But all the disgust and horror which I then felt at the enormity of your crime, have now given way to a succession of kind but conflicting emotions, that almost overpower me ; and I meet you upon this occasion no better prepared to pronounce, than you are to hear the awful sentence that awaits you. But it is in vain to shrink from a duty which the law compels me to perform.

Here me then for a few moments and forgive me for prolonging your suspense, while I once more rehearse the sad story of your guilt. Believe the piteous tale is not again repeated to shoot another pang into



your agonized bosom. I would not wantonly sport with your feelings, or mock your calamity. It is directed to the throng which presses round you to witness our last sad interview. By them it will be long remembered, and may allay the rude and turbulent passion that would hurry them into crime, when the stern mandate of the law would be forgotten. Perhaps, too, it may touch some tender chord of your own heart, that remains yet unbroken, and awaken you to such a sense of your perilous situation, as will induce you to make a successful appeal to that Being, whose arm alone can snatch you from the ruin which threatens you.

It appears, that some years since, you wooed and won the heart of an amiable, lovely, affectionate, and fatherless female. You led her to the altar, and there in the presence of that Being, before whom you must shortly appear—you interchanged with her the vows of perpetual love and fidelity. She kept her vow—amidst the severest trials she did not forget it. The marks of your brutal violence disclosed your cruelty to the world, before her own lips whispered it to her nearest friend. When her wounds awakened the sympathy of the only male connexion she had on earth—and forced him to step forward in her defence—she interceded in your behalf, quelled the rage of her defender, palliated the offence of her husband, forgave you, and, with the manifestations of unabated love, again received you to her bosom. With each revolving month your cruelties were repeated; as often as they were repeated, so often they were forgiven. At length your conduct assumed a more alarming character, and she foresaw the fell purpose you have now executed. She appealed to the laws of the country to avert the ruin which menaced her—but, ere she could experience their efficacy, one kind word from you dissipated all her fears;—she again relented, withdrew her complaint—again forgave, and again received you to her embrace. All this could not melt your frozen heart—it served only to embolden you in iniquity. Her friends expostulated with you—she besought you; and her mother, trembling under the weight of years, implored you to deal more kindly with her daughter. That mother addressed herself to your feelings in language, that I should have thought even a demon could not resist. When she repeated it here, the sternest heart in this vast multitude could not withhold from her the tribute of a tear. Behold, said she, I am a weak and aged woman—I can neither protect nor defend my child—her father is dead—if you disgrace her, where is she to seek protection? This elequent appeal could not find its way to your heart.

Your inhuman treatment continued, and was borne by your companion with unexampled fortitude for more than five years; during which period she presented you four children. It was the ninth day of the youngest, and when its mother had not yet left the room of her confinement, you selected to execute your hellish purpose. Then, when she clasped to her bosom her helpless innocent, with this instrument, (a knife) still covered with her blood, you commenced the work of death. Nay her life was not sufficient to appease your vengeance—her mangled corpse gave unequivocal proofs, that many of her wounds could have been inflicted only to try the strength of her nerves. The keen edge of the knife made her forget her infant and her weakness; she fled; you pursued her and dealt to her a blow that arrested her feeble flight; you then dropped the knife, went to your trunk and drew from it this

instrument, of keener edge, (a razor,) and with it you severed her head from her body. For all this, what is your defence! A plea that would deprive her of all that she has left behind her,—her reputation. Happily for her memory, this lies beyond the reach of your vengeance. Your efforts to tarnish it have only given it additional lustre. If there was one in the vast assembly who witnessed your trial, that harbored for a moment a suspicion dishonorable to her, his conscience now rebukes him for his cruelties. After five months' preparation; after having all her nearest friends before you; after producing the inmates of your family, you have not been able to extort from one a single word that could alarm even jealousy itself. All attest that she was constant, artless, submissive and kind. O! she would have been a prize to any man but you; had you permitted her to live, she would have been a blessing to your children. Poor, helpless orphans, what is now to be their destiny? who is left to watch over their dawning intellect, to chasten morals, to lead them to virtue's shrine?—Father of Mercy! be thou their protector, guardian and friend. Spirit of their murdered mother! hover over and direct them through the dangerous and devious windings of life.

Williams,—I have now faintly sketched the picture of your guilt. If it be not faithful to the original, it is only because the coloring is not deep enough. With all this weight of sin upon your head, you have but twenty days to live. The hour is at hand when you must leave us, and hasten into the presence of a Being, whose frown is far more dreadful than the sentence which now consigns you to the tomb. Are you prepared for the interview—or have you wrought yourself into the belief that there is no futurity? and will you rest satisfied in this belief until you are roused from your torpor by the signal for your appearance at the bar of the Most High? Ah, sir, you are risking to much upon your opinion.—Should you err in this particular, the anguish which now rends your bosom is peace when compared to the misery which awaits you. When you reflect that the wisest, ablest and best of men are against you, does it not sometimes occur to you that you may be in error? When you open the sacred volume, are you not sometimes started with the thought, that it may be true? If it be, how dreadful are its denunciations against you! But amidst its thunders it breathes a whisper of consolation even to the most hardened offender.

Yes, Williams, even, you, all bloody as you are, may be yet within the reach of its kind promises. Fly, then I beseech you to the last stay of the sinners hope for happy eternity. You have nothing to bind you to this life;—there is not a being upon earth whom you can call your friend—not one who would dare to acknowledge you as a friend. You have arrested the throbbing of the only bosom that could now beat in unison with your own—you have silenced the only lips that could speak a word of consolation to your drooping spirits. But there is an all ruling Power above who may not forsake you, when your kinsman and countrymen disown you. While the light of life yet gleams upon your short and dreary path to the grave, catch the fleeting moment to bespeak the intercession of that Redemer whose power is equal to your necessities. He may yet wash out the foul stain that renders you loathsome to the world, and raise you to the mansions of bliss, where you may again be greeted, and once more be forgiven, by the kind companion of your bosom.



Hear now the sentence of the law, and then farewell forever.

You John M. Williams, will be reconducted to the place whence you came, where you will be kept in close custody until Friday, the 17th day of November next, when you will be taken to some convenient place of execution, and there, between the hours of ten in the forenoon, and two in the afternoon, you will be suspended by the neck until you are dead. And may the Lord have mercy upon your soul!

FOR THE INFORMER.

*Respected Brethren in Christ,*

Another year is past, and to be no more, which brings us one nearer *that* day when we shall be called from the shores of time to meet our God in judgment. O my brethren, have we been as faithful to warn sinners of their wretched state as we ought? Let our minds for one moment ascend to the judgment seat of Christ, and imagine ourselves standing before the great searcher of hearts, and ask, are our souls any better prepared to enter those glorious and peaceful shores, than they were one year ago? Do we feel this moment that our prospects have brightened for the kingdom? and do we only wait for the dim lamp of nature to become extinct, when through faith and hope, our weary souls will be transported to the realms of immortal glory, where no billows of trouble will roll? If these are your feelings, happy souls, press for the peaceful shores, and may God help you on the journey. AMEN.

AMICUS.

#### NEW HYMN BOOK.

The Christian Conference, holden in June last in the state of New York, appointed a committee of four, viz. Elders O. E. Morrill, E. Shaw, D. Millard, and J. Badger; also a committee of four viz. Elders N. Brown, Z. Dean, J. Norton, and J. W. Hinkly, was appointed by the Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptists, holden in August last, for the purpose of making arrangements for compiling a Hymn Book in which *all may unite*.

Said committee will meet at the dwelling house of Eld J. Badger on Tuesday the 13th of April next, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The counsel of our friends at a distance is requested.

The editors of the Christian Herald and Gospel Palladium will please to give the foregoing a place in their papers.

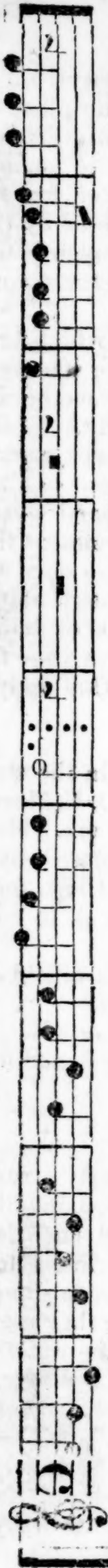
#### BEWARE!

A person by the name of Daniel Quimby formerly a resident of New Chester, N. H. professed to be a preacher, was ordained by the Christian Connexion, and since that, for immodest and unchristianlike conduct, has been rejected by them; but still continues to travel as a preacher, and pretends that the gospel allows him to sleep with different women, and leave his wife to be enjoyed by other men.

Elder Daniel Quimby of Lyndon, Vt. bearing the same name of this impostor, has been thought by some, who live at a distance, to be the same person. This is to inform the public that Eld. D. Quimby of Lyndon, was born in Weare N. H. removed to Sandwich when 7 years old, when 19 joined the church in that town, since removed to Lyndon, was set apart to the gospel ministry on the 2d day of June 1816, and has ever been, and still is considered a faithful minister of the gospel of Christ. As such he is recommended.

JOSIAH LANE, Clerk of the Wheelock Q. M.

# BUCKFIELD, L. M.



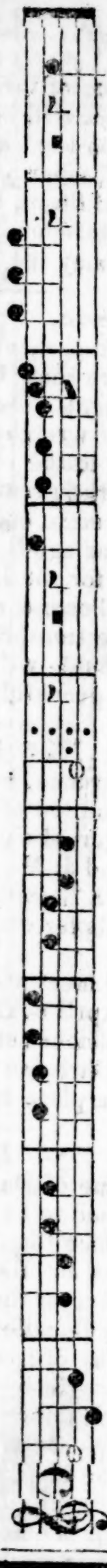
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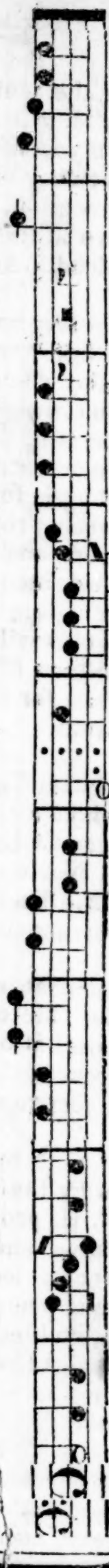
When strangers stand and hear me tell,

What beauties in my Saviour dwell;

Where he is gone they



Where he is gone they fain would know, That



Where he is gone they fain would know, That they may seek and



BUCKFIELD, Continued.

That they may seek and love him too. Where he is gone Where he, &c.

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2 My best Beloved keeps his throne,  
On hills of light, in worlds unknown;  
But he descends and shows his face  
In the young gardens of his grace.

3 [In vineyards planted by his hand,  
Where fruitful trees in order stand;  
He feeds among the spicy beds,  
Where lilies show their spotless heads.

For remainder of this, see 76th hymn, 1st book,—Dr. Watts.

## TO THE PUBLIC.

MEN AND BRETHREN,

It is more than three years since I commenced travelling; and have ever since devoted my *whole time* in the vineyard of the Lord. I have ever wished to promote the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. And while I think of past experience, and remember the "trying scenes of affliction," that the Lord has brought me through; also, the happy seasons I have enjoyed, and the hundreds and thousands of dear friends I have found, who have been willing to spare no pains to contribute to my happiness, I find I have abundant reason to give thanks unto Him, who has been, and is, "the God of my youth."

One thing I must here mention, which has been to me a cause of much grief. In the first year of my travel, 1821, I fell in company with a young man, viz. Moses Manrow, with whom I travelled several months. While I travelled with him, he appeared to possess the spirit of Christ; but my feelings were frequently wounded by his childish actions, vain and odd speeches; yet, as he was young, I felt in hopes of reformation. But, being disappointed, I was under the necessity to abandon travelling with him. Since I separated myself from his company, his conduct has been very averse to that, which ought ever to characterize a person professing godliness; and especially, one who is a teacher of the people. When individuals in churches, societies, and families, conduct in an unbecoming manner, those with whom they are in connexion, are frequently censured for the same: thus, I have been laid under much censure by many, who are not personally acquainted with me, because of the conduct of the young man, in whose company I travelled. In the first of my travelling with him, I was advised to desist from the same; but did not comply with the advise, because I thought he had the spirit of Christ, and hoped his labours would be useful. At present I have no fellowship or connexion with him as a preacher or a christian.

I wish the prayers of all the saints of the Most High; and hope I may ever adorn my profession by a *well ordered life and godly conversation*.

A friend to all mankind, and especially to Zion;

DAVID MARKS, JR.

Enfield, N. H. March 4th, 1824.

I the subscriber hereby certify, that I am personally acquainted with brother David Marks, Jr. and am satisfied that he is one whom God has called to preach his gospel, and I now publish a copy of the certificate, that he received from the Yearly Meeting of which he is a member, to show the people among whom he may travel, that he is in good standing in the connexion.

EDITOR.

## CERTIFICATE.

This certifies, to whom it may concern, that David Marks, Jr. is a man of good moral character, and held in fellowship by us; and we hereby authorize him to use his gift wheresoever his lot be cast. Done for and in behalf of the Holland-Purchase Yearly-Meeting at Clarkson, Sept. 1st, 1823.

PETER P. ELWOOD, Y. M. Clerk.

DIED.—In Canaan, Widow Hannah Clarke, aged 34. In Enfield, Miss Nancy H. Follansbee, aged 26. Mr. Daniel Willis, aged 66.